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DATE: May 21, 1973

TO:

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SUBJECT:

Fire at Pigeon Point Landfill

At your request on May 17, 1973, I contacted Mr. Ray Trout, Pigeon Point Landfill Manager and inquired about the alleged fire which took place in the landfill on May 13, 1973. Mr. Trout confirmed that there was a fire in the shredded refuse at the landfill on May 13, 1973 which began at approximately noontime. The County managed to extinguish the fire by approximately 5:00 a.m. on May 14, 1973. Mr. Trout stated that in the course of combatting the fire, which was accelerated by high winds, the compactor caught fire and a local fire company was contacted for assistance. Mr. Trout indicated that within the last two weeks a number of small fires developed in the conventional landfill site, but that the fire on May 13, 1973 was the first in the shredded material. Mr. Trout could not explain the cause of the fires, but implied the possibility that they were being set. Mr. Trout also indicated that the County is considering a 24 hour surveillance of the landfill over the next couple of weeks in an attempt to determine the cause of these fires and to prevent them. I asked Mr. Trout to keep us posted of the developments regarding this matter.

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